

MEETING MINUTES



Committee	UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Date	Tuesday, May 20, 2008
Time	12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.
Location	Utah State Capitol Complex East Building – Olmsted Room
Members Present	Dr. Gary Jorgensen, Harold Morrill, Gaby Anderson, Teresa Brechlin (for Heather Borski), Dr. Karen Buchi, Craig Burr, Senator Chris Buttars, Louis Callister, Colonel Merrill Carter, Commissioner Bill Cox, Verne Larsen, Mark Payne, Craig PoVey, Scott Reed, Mayor JoAnn Seghini, Jeff Smart (for Pat Bird), Elizabeth Sollis (for Lisa-Michele Church), Anna Kay Waddoups, Ray Wahl (for Dan Becker), Judge Robert Yeates
Members Excused	Judy Kasten Bell, Commissioner Scott Duncan, Fotu Katoa, Judge Michael Kwan, Terry Russo, Chief Paul Tittensor, Kirk Torgensen, Sherm Watkins
Guests	Nori Huntsman
Staff	Mary Lou Emerson and Monica Taylor
Agenda Item	Call to Order
Notes	<p>Chairman Gary Jorgensen called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Motion: Colonel Merrill Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Verne Larsen and passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	Drug Offender Reform Act
Notes	<p>Proposed Variance to Corrections DORA Plan – Craig Burr reported most of the DORA funds received by the Department of Corrections were used to hire additional probation and parole agents who provide supervision for participating offenders throughout the state. He said they will have approximately \$800,000 to \$900,000 in non-lapsing funds available from the current fiscal year and would like to use these funds to hire additional licensed clinical therapists for the in-prison Conquest, Excell and Hope therapeutic community substance abuse treatment programs. Craig proposed they use the non-lapsing funds to hire nine one-year FTEs, three for each therapeutic community, and utilize the ongoing funds to hire three permanent FTEs, one per therapeutic community. This proposal was presented to and passed unanimously by the DORA Oversight Committee at its meeting on April 17, 2008.</p> <p>Motion: Craig Burr made a motion to approve using Department of Corrections non-lapsing DORA funds to hire nine one-year FTEs, three per therapeutic community, and three ongoing FTEs, one per therapeutic community. The motion was seconded by Mayor JoAnn Seghini and passed unanimously.</p> <p>Proposed Revision to Implementation Guidelines – Mary Lou Emerson explained a revision to the DORA Implementation Guidelines proposed by the DORA Oversight Committee. The revision will modify the pre-screening criteria to state <i>“parolees who have been previously paroled and probationers with more than one prior parole”</i> would not be eligible for DORA-funded services.</p> <p>Motion: Harold Morrill made a motion to approve the proposed revision to the DORA Implementation Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Colonel Merrill Carter and passed with two opposed. Ray Wahl, who voted in opposition to the motion, explained his concern was that the change would make those offenders most in need of treatment unable to get treatment.</p>

	<p>Update on Assessments and Treatment Admissions – Mary Lou reported as of May 5, 2008 an estimated 1,003 DORA assessments had been completed and 616 offenders had been admitted to treatment services.</p> <p>FY 2009-10 Funding: Agency Priorities/Building Block Requests – Mary Lou reported on DORA funding spent during the current fiscal year. At the last DORA Oversight Committee meeting, each of the agencies receiving funding was asked to discuss future funding needs with their agencies, including the possibility of asking for the balance of the funding during the FY 2009 Legislative Session and/or supplemental funding for the FY 2008-09 fiscal year, and whether the agencies would be willing to include DORA funding in their budget priorities/building block requests. The Oversight Committee is scheduled to meet again on June 12, 2008 and will get responses back then.</p>
Agenda Item	Subcommittee Reports
Notes	<p>Anti-Violence and Justice – Scott Reed reported the Subcommittee is looking at a couple of issues this year. One issue is the lack of a science-based process for scheduling controlled substances in the state. Utah depends heavily on the DEA and FDA for its scheduling and the federal process can take three to five years. Substances not scheduled can be subject to abuse and several have come to the subcommittee's attention. The subcommittee would like to recommend a model for scheduling substances to the Legislature. The other issue, which is related to the prescription drug abuse crisis, is whether or not it is good policy to recommend to the legislature that the DEA and law enforcement be able to data mine the controlled substance database to identify doctor shopping patients.</p> <p>DUI – Anna Kay Waddoups reported during the last legislative session there were some problems getting the priority DUI legislation through (S.B. 15). In order to move the legislation out of the House of Representatives and into the Senate, Anna Kay, Paul Boyden and Art Brown signed a joint statement saying the USAAV DUI Subcommittee would make the identification of incentives for DUI offenders to successfully complete all court-ordered programs, including substance abuse treatment, its top priority for 2008-09, and that based upon the sanctions and incentives identified by the DUI Subcommittee, legislation would be recommended for the 2009 Session. A DUI "Carrot Crew" has been formed and has been meeting to generate ideas for these incentives. The incentives will replace the plea in abeyance option that will sunset on July 1, 2008.</p> <p>Senator Chris Butters reported there are proposals to modify the state's liquor laws during the 2009 Legislative Session, including a proposal to eliminate private clubs. The Council discussed this issue and concerns were raised regarding whether taking away private clubs would increase access to alcohol and alcohol-related problems in the state.</p> <p>Motion: Anna Kay Waddoups made a motion to send a letter to the Governor and legislative leadership stating the concerns expressed by members of the USAAV Council regarding the impact of loosening Utah's liquor laws. Mark Payne proposed adding language to the motion that the USAAV Council will study the issue and based on our research will report back to the Legislature. Harold Morrill suggested adding language to the motion stating that it is USAAV's role to analyze alcohol and other drug-related issues and to advise the Governor and the Legislature regarding such issues. The motion, as amended, was seconded by Colonel Merrill Carter and passed with one opposed.</p> <p>A formal letter will be sent to the Governor and legislative leadership. This issue will be placed on the next USAAV meeting agenda for further discussion.</p> <p>Drug-Exposed Newborns – Dr. Karen Buchi reported this subcommittee was originally formed under the Meth Task Force, and was initiated because of specific issues around maternal substance abuse, especially pregnant women and how our system deals with them</p>

	<p>and their children. The Subcommittee has been actively working on these issues and when the Meth Task Force was discontinued in January, they still had issues to address, so the subcommittee was moved under the USAAV Council. Goals of the subcommittee include reviewing proposed legislation, developing a DCFS practice guideline that is consistent statewide regarding how to deal with substance abusing mothers, developing a best practice document on substance abusing mothers for hospitals and medical providers, and developing training for prosecutors and judges that addresses the unique issues presented by substance abusing mothers.</p> <p>Prevention – Verne Larsen welcomed Craig PoVey as the new co-chair of the subcommittee. He reported in their last meeting they received an update on the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive (SPF-SIG) grant, which gives funding to the Local Substance Abuse Authorities to build capacity. Verne said we often focus more on the youth population when it comes to prevention but with the SPF-SIG there is an effort to focus on prevention across the lifespan. He also reported the subcommittee is very involved with the ParentsEmpowered Underage Drinking Prevention Media Campaign and the Methamphetamine Public Awareness Campaign. The subcommittee's role in the Meth Campaign has been to get meth information out to the schools; to accomplish this, health teachers will be trained on a new meth lesson plan that has been created.</p> <p>Treatment – Harold Morrill reported the subcommittee meets on a monthly basis and the members are extremely active. They have had good success with legislators attending subcommittee meetings to present and discuss their bills. He said one major problem they have identified is the difficulty recovering individuals have in finding housing and employment. Other issues they are addressing include health care reform, including the need for a substance abuse or chemical dependency benefit; prescription drug abuse; and youth substance abuse issues, specifically screening and assessment.</p> <p>Mary Lou reported she e-mailed the Council the National Survey on Drug Use and Health data on prescription drug abuse in Utah, as per the Council's request at the last meeting. Lou Callister distributed an article from the Salt Lake Tribune that definitively states Utah is number one in prescription drug abuse. Mary Lou said at the last USAAV meeting the new prescription drug abuse CD created by the Callister Foundation was distributed to Council members, courtesy of Lou Callister, and if anyone didn't receive one at that time, there would be copies available after the meeting. Lou Callister noted this CD, along with all of the other CDs the Foundation has created, could be found on their website at www.hopetoday.com.</p>
Agenda Item	USAAV Anti-Violence Focus: Discussion
Notes	<p>Bob Yeates reported the Governor is very interested in addressing domestic, dating, and sexual violence issues. There are a number of boards and commissions that already exist to address these issues and there is some duplication. Because of the volume of substance abuse and violence issues, Bob proposed eliminating the violence issues from USAAV and moving them to the Office of Domestic and Sexual Violence in CCJJ, which is directed by Ned Searle. Youth gang violence would be assigned to the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice. Bob said these changes will require a statutory amendment and would allow USAAV to focus specifically on substance abuse issues.</p> <p>Motion: Harold Morrill made a motion to support separating the violence component from USAAV and moving it to the Office of Domestic and Sexual Violence and the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice. The motion was seconded by Craig Burr and passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	USAAV Annual Planning Meeting
Notes	Purpose – Mary Lou asked the Council members if an annual meeting for planning purposes would be helpful in identifying priorities.

	Date and Location – A USAAV annual planning meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Law and Justice Center if available (<i>Note: This meeting was later canceled</i>).
Agenda Item	Other Business
Notes	<p>Meth Pledge Event – May 21st at 10:00 a.m. – Mary Lou reported a “Take the Pledge to End Meth Now” event was scheduled for May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at the House of Hope, as part of the Meth Public Awareness Campaign. Council members were invited to attend.</p> <p>U of U School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies - June 15-20, 2008 – Mary Lou provided brochures for the U of U School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies. She said if Council members’ agencies are not able to pay registration, and they would like to attend, USAAV could provide support.</p> <p>Annual Fall Conference on Substance Abuse - October 1-3, 2008 at Davis Convention Center – A flyer on the Annual Fall Conference on Substance Abuse, scheduled for October 1-3 at the Davis Convention Center in Layton, was included in the meeting packets.</p>
Next Meeting	Tuesday, September 23, 2008, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., State Capitol Building – Capitol Board Room

Note: Copies of meeting materials are available upon request by contacting Mary Lou Emerson, USAAV Council Director, at (801) 538-1921 or memerson@utah.gov.